

We claim:

1 1. A method for processing immigration applications and enabling users such as
2 prospective or recent immigrants to start, manage, and complete the immigration and associated
3 processes on-line, the method comprising the following steps:
4 electronically accessing an INS application and servicing center system over an electronic
5 computer network;
6 entering preliminary screening and qualifying data particular to the user;
7 determining the eligibility of the user for initiating and completing any of the various INS
8 procedures related to immigration and naturalization;
9 selecting any of the various INS forms which the user is required to fill out for initiating
10 and completing the specific INS procedures related to immigration and naturalization which the
11 user is eligible for;
12 entering the correct data required by the selected forms; and
13 electronically sending the completed forms to the particular agency according to the filing
14 guidelines of the INS, whereby any of the various INS procedures related to immigration and
15 naturalization for which the user is eligible can be initiated, performed in part or completed
16 without making administrative errors.

1 2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the following step:
2 printing out the completed forms which need to be signed and transferred back to the INS.

1 3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the following step:
2 making electronic payments for any required filing fees or costs.

1 4. The method of Claim 1 in which the step of electronically accessing an INS

1 application and servicing center system over an electronic computer network includes logging onto
2 the homepage of website accessible over the internet.

1 5. The method of Claim 1 in which the step of electronically accessing an INS
2 application and servicing center system over an electronic computer network is accomplished by a
3 user through the use of a personal computer.

1 6. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the following step:
2 providing the user with a set of detailed instructions for initiating, performing in part or
3 completing any of the various INS procedures related to immigration and naturalization for which
4 the user is eligible.

1 7. The method of Claim 1 in which the step of determining the eligibility of the user
2 for initiating and completing any of the various INS procedures related to immigration and
3 naturalization comprises a comparison of the preliminary screening and qualifying data particular
4 to the user to standards, rules and regulations followed by the INS.

1 8. The method of Claim 8 in which the step of entering preliminary screening and
2 qualifying data particular to the user creates a user log containing the preliminary screening and
3 qualifying data particular to the user.

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